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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued by the PTO, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, e.g., Claims 75-77, drawn to a method for assessing the effectiveness of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor antiretroviral therapy (NNRTI) by evaluating plasma samples for mutations at codon 236 in the HIV reverse transcriptase (RT), classified in class 435, subclasses 5 and 91.2, and class 536, subclasses 27.72 and 24.33. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unelected subject matter in one or more related divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

In light of the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

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Respectfully submitted,

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